

Notice of Allowability

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 12/7/07.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 7, 10, 11, 28 and 29.
3. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
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 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
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Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
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4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
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9. ☐ Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Allowable Subject Matter

1. Claims 7,10-11,28-29 are allowed.

Re claim 7, while the combined teaching of Chrysanthakopoulos and Kaji et al. as a whole, disclosed of the audio information transforming method applied to a video/audio format in which a screen includes a plurality of objects and each object has video information, position information, and audio information, said method comprising the steps of: virtual listening point setting of setting a virtual listening point at a position different from a basic listening point that is set as a position at which a listener listens to an audio; and audio frequency transforming of executing an audio frequency.

However, None of the prior arts disclose of transformation to add a Doppler effect to the audio information at the virtual listening point; the relative velocity calculating of calculating relative velocity between the virtual listening point and the object and executing the audio frequency transformation based on the relative velocity to add the Doppler effect to the audio information at the virtual listening point and the audio information including the Doppler effect previously is included in the object, the audio frequency transformation step executes the audio frequency transformation step execute an audio frequency transformation to cancel the Doppler effect included in the audio information of the

object, and execute the audio frequency transformation based on the relative velocity to add the Doppler effect to the audio information of the virtual listening point.

Re claim 10, while the combined teaching of Chrysanthakopoulos and Kaji et al. as a whole, disclosed of the audio information transforming method applied to a video/audio format in which a screen includes a plurality of objects and each object has video information, position information, and audio information, said method comprising the steps of: virtual listening point setting of setting a virtual listening point at a position different from a basic listening point that is set as a position at which a listener listens to an audio.

However, None of the prior arts disclose of the audio frequency transforming of executing an audio frequency transformation to add a Doppler effect to the audio information at the virtual listening point; the relative velocity calculating of calculating relative velocity between the virtual listening point and the object and executing the audio frequency transformation based on the relative velocity to add the Doppler effect to the audio information at the virtual listening point, format comprising: velocity information of an object; said object is one of objects included on a screen; velocity

information and direction information of a scene which is replayed on the screen; and reduced scale information of the screen every scene.

Similarly, claims 11, 28-29 are allowed because of the recitation of the same element as in claim 10 above.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Disler Paul whose telephone number is 571-270-1187. The examiner can normally be reached on 7:30-5:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Chin Vivian can be reached on 571-272-7848. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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